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IMMIGRATION

Toronto a model to the world on how to integrate newcomers

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto has become a teacher for countries around the world grappling with newcomer integration.

A Dutch government delegation, which visited the city this week, is the latest in a string of foreign dignitaries making their way here to learn about welcoming and successfully integrating immigrants and refugees.

The city started attracting interest early this year when private sponsors brought in thousands of Syrian refugees, complementing government-led efforts as the world tried to get a grip on the Syrian refugee crisis, said Toronto Newcomer Office manager Vera Dodic.

Since then, hundreds of researchers, policymakers and social service providers from a variety of locales, including Britain, Sweden and even the U.S., have visited to learn about the resettlement system. A group from Italy is coming in the next few weeks.

The city of Montreal is in the process of launching its own newcomer office, modeled after Toronto's.

Toronto has been at the epicenter of Canada's bid to help Syrians with 5,074 coming into the city as of Oct. 14 — that's 17 per cent of all arrivals to the country.

People from outside are impressed, Dodic said, because "refugees generally succeed here."

In the case of Syrians, they become permanent residents upon arrival, giving them more equal opportunities for work and education.

"That gives them quicker access to integration and building their life," Dodic said. "They become part of the society quickly."

The newcomer office has recently opened two new kiosks — one at City Hall and the other at Housing Connections, 176 Elm St. — so people can access resources and information inside city facilities. More will soon be opened at various civic centres across the city, said Dodic.

Coun. Joe Mihevc said most of the countries visiting have been plagued with "anti-immigrant sentiments," and it's encouraging that Toronto remains a "city of hope even in the middle of all the Trumpism."

"We've created a culture of diversity that doesn't make anyone an outsider," he said.

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Bullied Alberta politician shocks Conservatives by leaving the Tories for the NDP. **Canada**

Welcome to crush hour

FUNDING GAP

Another fare hike planned

The TTC is proposing a 10-cent fare hike in 2017, but even with the additional revenue it would bring, the transit agency is still facing a major funding shortfall next year.

According to a report released Thursday on the TTC's 2017 operating budget, the fare increase would raise an estimated $27 million, leaving the transit agency with a funding gap of at least $61 million.

The report will go before the TTC board next Monday. If the fare increase is approved, next year the price of a token would go from $2.90 to $3, while a regular adult Metropass would go from $141.50 to $146.25. Adult cash fare would stay at $3.25, while children 12 and under would continue to ride free.

Jessica Bell, executive director of the TTCriders advocacy group, slammed the proposed increase, which would be the sixth to hit transit users in as many years.

"I think it's going to hurt the TTC and it's going to hurt transit riders. We've had six years of fare hikes, we don't deserve another," she said, arguing that raising fares goes against the mayor and council's poverty reduction plan.

Mayor John Tory was travelling in the West Bank on Thursday. In an emailed statement his spokesperson Keerthana Kamalavasan said he has stated previously that fares should be "reviewed every year" to keep up with the growing costs of the transit system.

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TRANSIT

Almost a third of TTC routes are exceeding crowding levels

In news unlikely to surprise Toronto transit users, more than a quarter of the TTC's bus and streetcar routes are regularly overcrowded, Torstar News has learned.

Data obtained from the TTC show that 43 of roughly 155 bus and streetcar routes exceed the transit agency's crowding standards at some point during each week. That's more than a quarter of all surface routes.

The crowding targets set by the TTC fluctuate depending on the time of day, day of the week and type of vehicle. Because the targets are lower on weekends and outside of rush hour, vehicles that exceed them aren't necessarily packed to the roof.

But the numbers do provide a measure of the extent to which the TTC is providing enough service to meet its own standards.

"While we would obviously prefer our customers are not on crowded vehicles, we have to balance the availability of resources like vehicles and operators with delivering service to the entire city," said Stuart Green, a TTC spokesperson. "We regularly conduct reviews of ridership to assess needs across all routes. If there is a route that needs some additional service, we will try to balance that against a route that may have capacity to spare."

According to the statistics, which are based on counts the TTC did in the spring and fall of this year, nine out of the transit agency's 11 streetcar routes regularly exceed crowding standards, while the remaining 34 routes are bus lines.

According to reports from TTC staff, the crowding standards are designed to ensure passenger comfort, allow movement to and from vehicle doors and accommodate "surge loading." The goal is to supply enough service to ensure they're not exceeded.

Crowding on the TTC persists even though transit ridership is beginning to level off after more than a decade of continuous growth.

Councillor Joe Mihevc, who sits on the TTC board, said the agency is "falling down" on its commitment to provide enough service to meet demand. "This would be what is called a fiscally-driven service plan, rather than a service-driven service plan," said Mihevc (Ward 21, St. Paul's). "This is not a healthy direction for the TTC." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nine out of the TTC's 11 streetcar routes regularly exceed crowding standards according to the agency. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TOP 10

Routes exceeding weekday crowding standards:

1. **504 King** — 126% during morning peak
2. **505 Dundas** — 118% during midday
3. **95 York Mills** — 117% during midday
4. **510 Spadina** — 116% during midday
5. **511 Bathurst** — 116% during midday
6. **514 Cherry** — 115% during midday
7. **53 Steeles East** — 114% during late evening
8. **11 Bayview** — 111% during afternoon peak
9. **89 Weston** — 111% during early evening
10. **41 Keele** — 111% during midday

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#METROARTSCHALLENGE

Drawing on your memories

A visual tour of your favourite Toronto moments

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

There are as many precious memories of Toronto as there are people who live here. And when we asked you to fill in a little cartoon speech bubble with your favourite moment in your city, we were deluged with interesting, touching, funny, and flat-out weird responses. All the entries were so good — and so different — that we found it impossible to rank them. Here instead is a yearbook-style "best-of" with categories of our own invention.

YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE: DEFACE IT

Art is all about subverting and disrupting.
That's your next assignment: Flip through the pages of this paper, and with a pen (or marker or paint or glitter, your choice!), deface it in an interesting way. Yes, we want you to vandalize us. Add speech bubbles in a photo. Give someone an unexpected moustache. Change what's going on in the background. The paper is your canvas (just please don't be mean). Snap a picture of your creation, or scan it, and sent it to **genna.buck@metronews.ca.** Or tweet with the hashtag **#MetroArtsChallenge.**

BEST INCEPTION

This trippy drawing came to us from **Nikolay Nikolov,** who wrote, "Just a memory of doing this on a late night commute home at 2 a.m." We're a tiny bit worried you may have created a singularity or ripped a hole in the spacetime with this one, Nikolay, but you've achieved something important here: You genuinely surprised us.

MOST RELATABLE

Eliza Figiel sent us this memory: "It had been a memorable day for our family the time our house received the new raccoon proof green bin. No more pesky raccoon problems for us!"

MOST SEASONALLY APPROPRIATE

Here is a memory of my days in T.O. as a child in the '70s," **Michelle Campbell** wrote to us. "The Santa Claus Parade has always brought amazing memories for me. Not only for the sights of the beautifully made floats, but the community and unity it brings out in people. "

MOST PATRIOTIC

"My most meaningful T.O. memory is when I took my dad to his first @Raptors game during @CanadianForces Appreciation Night," **Kevin Vuong** told us on Twitter. The Canada Flag pin is an awesome touch, Kevin.

MOST ATHLETIC

Bautista's bat flip, as remembered by **John-John Magtalas.**

SWEETEST

Christina Craig remembers being homesick for her home of Owen Sound when she came across a magical sight: Some elephants in an empty lot (please tell us more, Christina! How did this happen?)

A+ THROWBACK

Alice Lew-Drake takes us back to the Pan Am Games.

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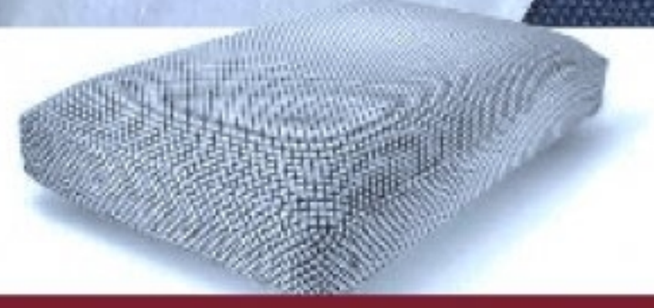

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Lady Hacks looks to inspire women

YORK UNIVERSITY

All-female hackathon hopes to draw 250 students

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

It's a scene that screams female empowerment: A crowd of young women huddled under one roof for dozens of hours sharpening their tech skills.

That's what is happening this weekend at York University, as more than 250 people with a knack for technology go to work in what's being billed as the GTA's first all-women hackathon.

Called The Lady Hacks, the event aims to provide a safe, comfortable and supportive platform for female students to explore their technical abilities — all without the fear of being outperformed by their male colleagues.

"Many girls feel intimidated and tend to think that guys have better computer programming skills, which is not true," said Farzia Khan, a fourth-year student in computer science and one of the hackathon organizers.

"The number of women tech entrepreneurs is not enough, and that's not very inspiring," she said, noting when women do participate in traditional hackathons they're in the minority and don't always get full credit for their work.

"It leaves them thinking that maybe they are not good enough. That kind of attitude has to change."

The event runs for 32 hours and participants will be provided with hands-on mentorship and training to work on projects of their choice.

Executives from various companies — Microsoft, Deloitte, Google, Shopify, RBC and more — will also give what are meant to be inspirational presentations that give the women a chance to be noticed by potential employers.

Khan, who also serves as president of York's women in science and engineering group, said the plan is to make the hackathon an annual event and expand the idea to other universities across the country.

"Girls are good and smart at this," she said. "It's just a matter of supporting them and encouraging more of them to participate."

WHEN & WHERE

- The Lady Hacks takes place at York's Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence, starting 9 a.m. Saturday.
- More details at theladyhacks.com

York University computer science student Farzia Khan is one of the organizers of this weekend's all-women hackathon.
EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

INVESTIGATION

Nine held over sex assault

The alleged sexual assault of a seven-year-old girl is being called "one of the most heinous crimes" Hamilton police officers have had to deal with.

The six-month investigation left nine people in handcuffs, including the child's mother and her boyfriend, as police said they uncovered a "horrific" sexual assault where the girl was allegedly being offered up "to be sexually assaulted" in an online advertisement.

The investigation began last May after Hamilton police received a tip from the Catholic Children's Aid Society.

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IN BRIEF

Police look to ID suspect

Toronto police are asking for help in identifying a man in his 30s who allegedly sexually assaulted a woman at Spadina subway in October.

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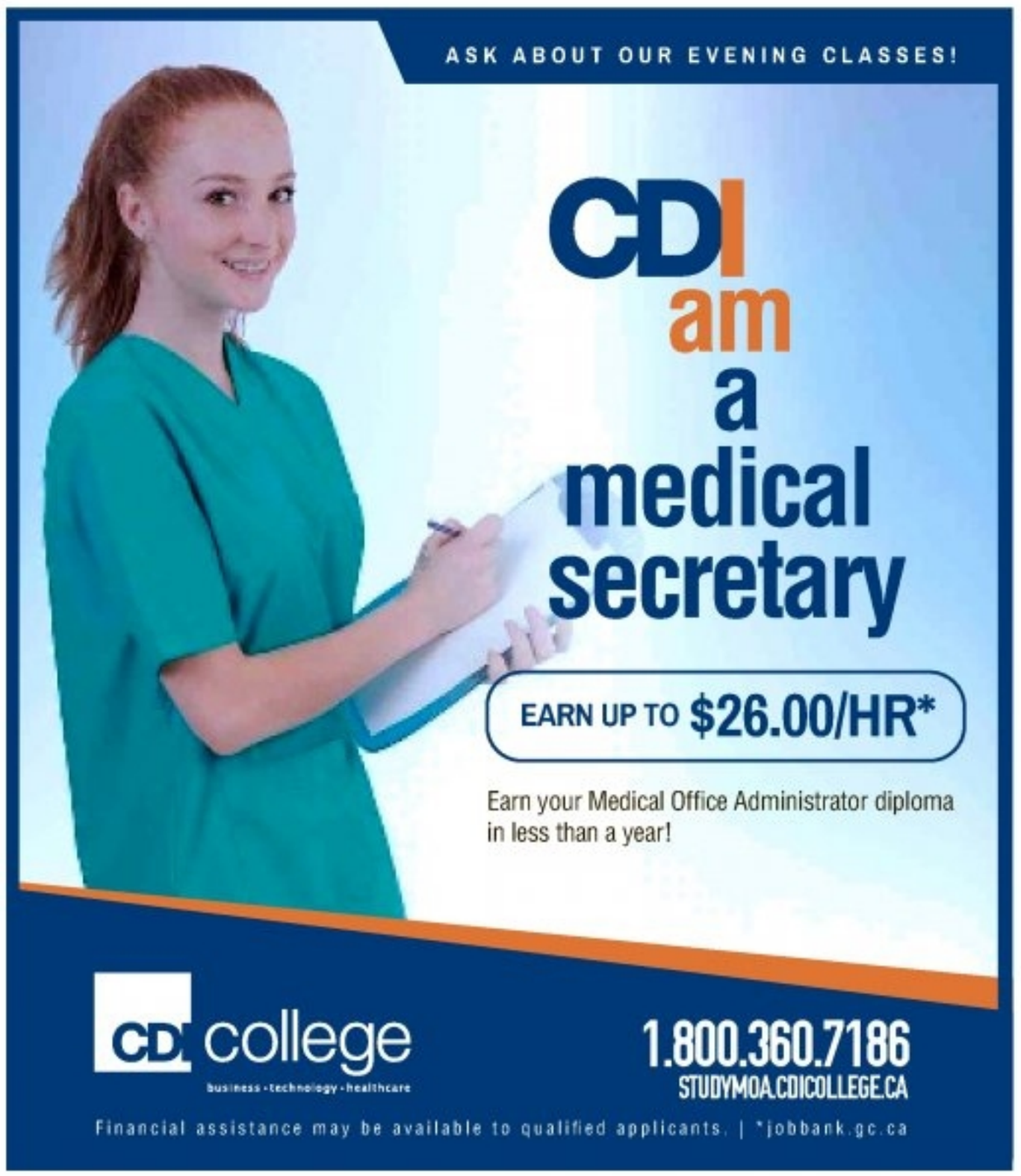

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EDUCATION

Cash-poor school program for at-risk youth set to end

Robin Pariagh was one of those students who kept falling off the radar in high school.

The pattern was always the same. He'd start a new school, attend enough classes to scrape by, lose interest and stop going. There would be recorded phone calls to his mother reporting he hadn't shown up for class, followed by warning letters. But beyond that, he figured no one noticed or cared. By age 18, Robin had gone to four schools and had been suspended.

Then he discovered PEACH — Promoting Education and Community Health — and its flagship "school away from school" program, which helps at-risk high school students get back on track and graduate through one-on-one teaching, an intimate setting and lots of emotional support.

When he first arrived at the renovated industrial-commercial space near Jane Street and Finch Avenue, Pariagh figured he'd earn his credits and move on quickly. Then something amazing happened to the teen who couldn't have cared less about school. He started to enjoy learning.

"I needed the one-on-one help. After a few months I was thinking, 'I don't want this to end,'" says Pariagh, 21, who now works in the demolition and construction business and has a job selling window coverings.

Motivational buttons are displayed at PEACH's school away from school program, which strives to keep at-risk kids in school and help them graduate from high school. The program is slated to close before Christmas because of a funding shortage. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

This week he was crushed to learn the decade-old program, which has helped about 300 marginalized kids at risk of suspension, will be shut down as of Dec. 23 because of a funding shortage.

At issue is the roughly $30,000 salary of the child and youth worker considered essential to helping the maximum 20 students in the program who may have mental health or behavioural problems, criminal issues or difficult home circumstances.

The youth worker had been funded through a three-year grant from the Rogers Youth Fund, Lafontaine said, but left the position last Friday when that ran out.

The organization is also struggling to meet overhead costs of keeping the building and its range of other programs for vulnerable youth running. Lafontaine said PEACH has a total of about $500,000 in outstanding applications, but mismanaged the timing, leaving it in a financial crunch.

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An informal survey in the city found there's an average of seven dogs per floor in most condos, or about 280 pooches in a typical 40-storey building. The average dog produces about 120 kilograms of poop every year; multiply that by 280 and you can see why condo dwellers are getting tired of stepping in it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Solving the doggy doo-doo dilemma

PLANNING

More canine-equipped condo, park design needed

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

From Yorkville to Liberty Village, from CityPlace to the Canary District, the growing volume of dogs — and their detritus — is a source of tension for residents in Toronto's more vertical neighbourhoods.

But while most efforts at combating the poo problem have focused on shaming dog owners who don't pick up after their pets, Sarah Gertler has a different take: if you're finding the plazas and parks in your area are going to the dogs, then bad condo design is to blame.

"There wasn't any consideration of dogs put in when these places were developed because they didn't expect the level of dog ownership that they have," said Gertler, a graduate student in architecture at the University of Waterloo.

> **In some cases, the dog issue is a surrogate for larger issues in the community.**
> Sarah Gertler

For the past year, Gertler has been studying the impact of dogs in the CityPlace community. Her masters' thesis posits various design changes that can help areas like it better accommodate dogs.

"The reason these problems exist is because the few specific areas for dogs tend to be heavily used, and that intensity creates more conflict than there was before," Gertler said.

As a result, Gertler's list of suggestions includes things like planting urine-resistant plants or incorporating drainage onto balconies, but also broader ideas like building more — and more appealing — public spaces.

"By making better parks in general, people will want to use them," she said. "And it's been shown that if more people are there, dog owners will behave better when it comes to picking up dog droppings."

Ultimately, Gertler believes that designing better neighbourhoods for dogs has the potential to benefit non-canine residents as well.

"In solving the problems, the community itself can be made better," she said.

DESIGN

5 IDEAS

Sarah Gertler's thesis gives suggestions on how to design condo communities to better accommodate dogs — and dog poop.

1. Better balconies
By adding proper drainage and "microbial-resistant glass" to condo balconies, dogs can potentially use them to do their business.

2. Canines vs. clover
Lawns should be planted with clover. The plant absorbs more odour and is less likely to turn brown when peed on.

3. Doggy buffers
Spaces reserved for dogs should be separated by natural buffers like trees or planters.

4. Pee hills
Dogs will naturally seek out elevated areas to pee on. So a few small hills incorporated into landscaping can help channel pee away from other areas.

5. Better dog parks
Designing more appealing spaces for dog owners can prevent conflicts between them and less canine-friendly residents.

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Drivers hitting more children

SAFETY

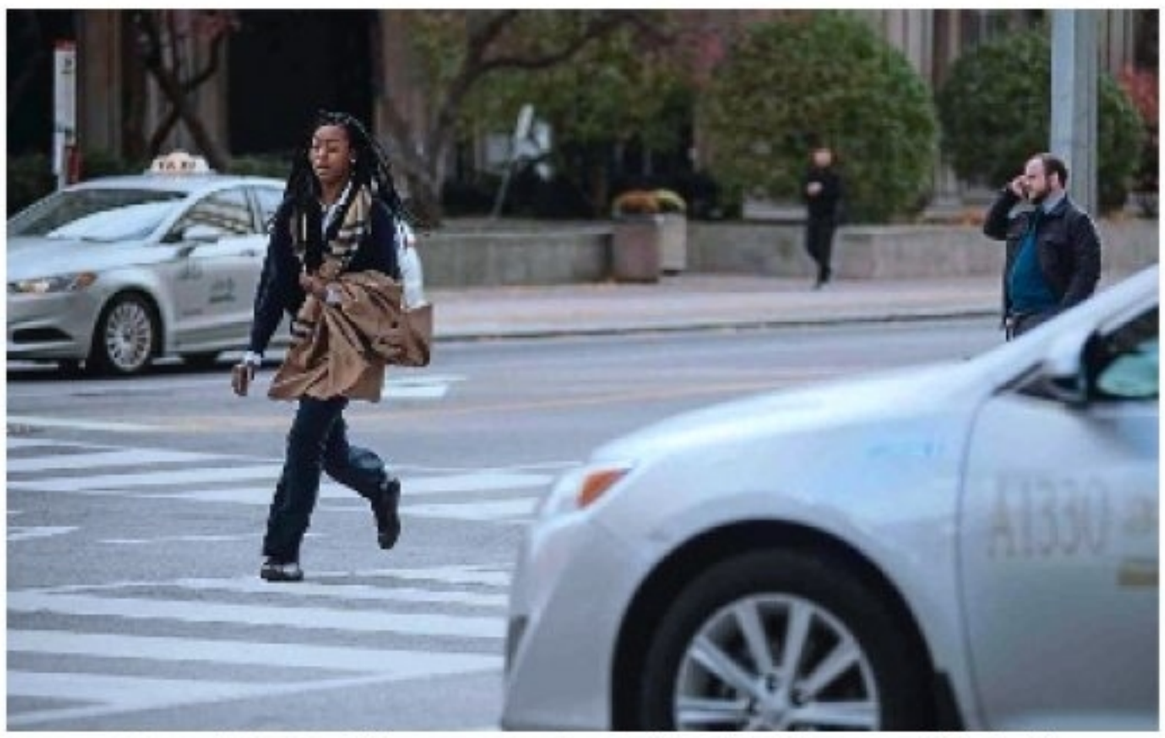
Number of kids hit as they walk to school is on the rise

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A rash of crashes involving kids has brought the plight of Toronto's youngest pedestrians to the forefront of the city's road safety conversation.

Kyle Miller, an urban planner who's been tracking police reports of collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists, says four children have been hit by drivers since Nov. 9.

Although not reported by police, Leaside resident and safe streets advocate Meghan Sherwin told Metro a teenage boy was hit this week while riding his bike, just blocks away from where 7-year-old Georgia Walsh was killed by a driver in 2014.



Between 2011 and 2015, **31 children ages 4 to 19 were injured and three were killed** while heading to or from school in Toronto, municipal data shows. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

"It's exhausting and disheartening," Sherwin said. "Drivers aren't listening and are not aware of the children in our neighbourhood."

Data from Toronto police shows the number of children seriously injured while heading to or from school is on the rise. Two children aged four to 19 were injured within one kilometre of a school in 2014. That number jumped to 10 in 2015.

In response, the province has announced plans to allow municipalities to install photo radar cameras near schools.

Sherwin applauded the cameras, but said more needs to be done to protect children. She called on the city to add sidewalks to all roads near schools (currently, nearly one third of roads in the city lack sidewalks) and to extend school zone speed limits to adjacent streets.

"We know that speed is a contributing factor in fatalities 100 per cent of the time," she said. "So make it simple: if there's a school nearby, make it a 30 zone."

Coun. Jaye Robinson, chair of the public works committee, said the city is "accelerating" aspects of the new road safety plan related to schools and youth.

The city plans to install 20 new "watch your speed" signs near schools every year — doubled from the original goal of 10 — and is also increasing the number of mobile speed-monitoring signs in school zones from four to 12.

Robinson said she'd be open to lowering speed limits further in areas adjacent to schools.

"No matter where I am, speed and traffic volume issues are the number one thing I hear about from parents," she said.

"They're terrified to let their kids walk to school."

BY THE NUMBERS

26

In the past five and a half months, urban planner Kyle Miller says, at least 26 children have been hit by drivers in Toronto.

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That works out to roughly one collision every six days.

27%

While they only represent five per cent of all collisions, children are more likely to be seriously injured when hit, Miller said. Across all age groups, 14 per cent of collisions result in serious injuries, **compared to 27 per cent of crashes involving youth.**

INJURY

Woman struck in Mississauga

A woman was rushed to hospital on Thursday evening after she was hit by a car in Mississauga, Peel police say.

Emergency crews responded to the call at 6:25 p.m. near Goreway Dr. and Etude Dr. Police say the victim was sent to a trauma centre in serious condition. Police closed down Goreway between Derry Rd. and Dorcas St. to investigate.

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POLICE

Driver charged after dog killed in collision

A woman is facing charges after she allegedly tried to run over a man and struck and killed his dog last weekend in Mississauga.

According to police, the incident occurred on Saturday. The woman was driving on Duford Drive when the man was crossing the street with his dog.

The woman waved at the victim signalling him to cross, but as he began she accelerated and veered towards him and his dog, said police.

The man managed to escape the woman's path and did not sustain any injuries. The dog died at the scene.

Maryam Atia, 38, was arrested by police on Monday. Atia faces three charges. She has been charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, killing or injuring animals, and assault with a weapon. Atia is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton, Thursday.

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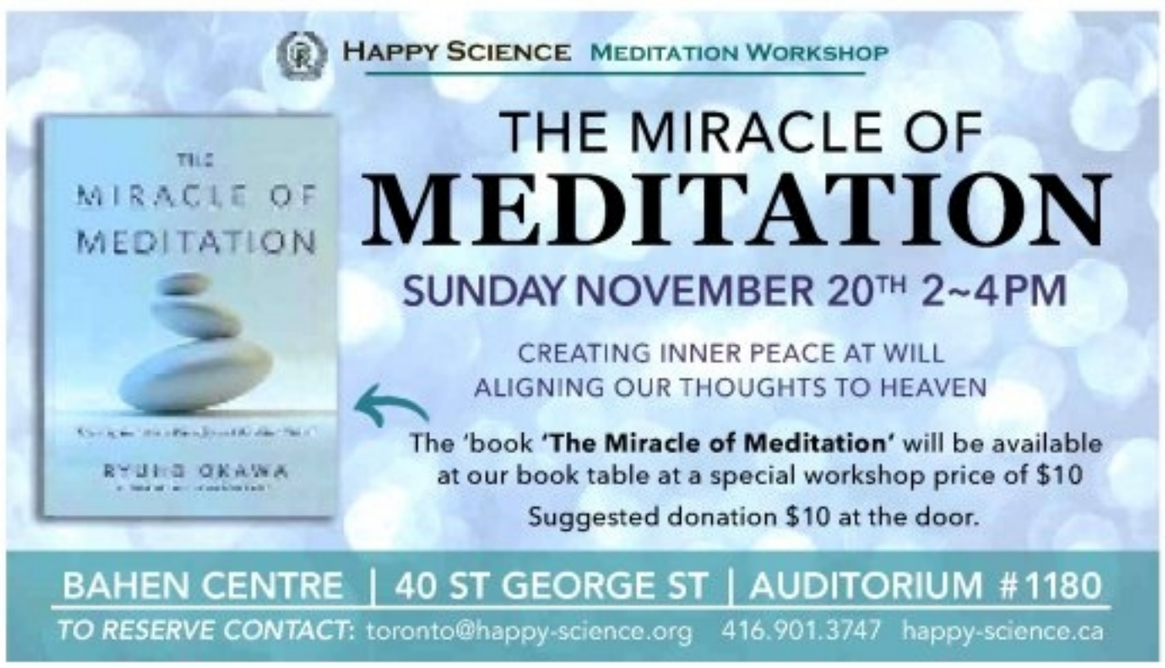

Chief Mark Saunders takes in the carding debate at the Toronto Police Service Board meeting. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Carding policy is revised

POLICE BOARD

But critics say restrictions don't go far enough

The Toronto police board adopted a revised carding policy Thursday that its authors claim goes beyond the minimum requirements set out by the province's new "street checks" regulations, but that critics say won't stop the harmful legacy of the controversial police practice.

While the board's new policy creates a highly restrictive system to access personal information gathered in past carding interactions, critics have a simpler solution:

Delete it.

"I consider this information to be the stolen property of the people of the city of Toronto," carding activist and freelance journalist Desmond Cole told the board during the meeting at Toronto police headquarters.

"Despite the fact that the police may find it inconvenient to have to give up this information now, the true inconvenience and harm is what has been done to the community."

Carding, also known as street checks, is the police practice of stopping, questioning and documenting people not suspected of a crime. It has disproportionately targeted racialized people.

Following a bitter carding battle between Toronto's board and then-police chief Bill Blair, the Ontario government stepped in last year to establish province-wide carding regulations aimed at eliminating arbitrary, discriminatory police stops.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

COMMUNITY

East end organizes in anti-racism fight

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's east end is banding together to "combat racism, xenophobia and white supremacy."

A neighbourhood group called the East End Anti-Racism Collective is organizing a gathering this Saturday, with the goal of celebrating the city's diversity and speaking out against racism and violence.

It comes after a series of posters were plastered across the community early this week with messages calling on white people to "join the alt-right."

"We are committed to highlighting and uplifting the voices of indigenous, black and people of colour in this group where possible," the new collective's post on social media reads in part.

"We all need to do the daily work to shift our perspectives and learn from people most affected by oppression, discrimination, and marginalization."

Local politicians have also voiced their concerns about the posters, insisting racist views have no place in Toronto and Canada. The Danforth East Community Association, in particular, issued a statement denouncing them and promising to take positive action that will make the community better.

Saturday's event will take place at Stan Wadlow Park, starting 2:30 p.m.

Community members replaced the alt-right posters with ones like this early this week. TWITTER

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Parading our Christmas spirit

Liz Beddall
For Metro | Toronto

In an unremarkable industrial warehouse on a lonely road in North York, something remarkable has been happening.

About 20 painters, sculptures and carpenters — some full-time employees and others seasonal — have been working late into the night chiselling out elaborate elves, building tinsel-covered towers and mending festive, pointy hats, all leading up to Sunday's 112th Toronto Santa Claus Parade.

With 25 floats, 1,200 marchers, 3,000 volunteers and thousands of spectators set to take part in the fanfare, the shop is brimming with activity in anticipation of one serious A-lister's visit from the North Pole.

1 Elf interest — Santa Claus will arrive on the scene aboard a new float this year. It's the largest in the parade's history at 42-feet long.

2 Seal the deal — Chiara Iannarelly, a full-time painter for the Santa Claus Parade, puts the final touches on a seal that will appear on Santa's main float.

3 Pigging out — Byron Chui says he is proudest this year of helping to build and paint a family of pigs.

4 Locations — This year's Santa Claus Parade will begin at Bloor and Christie, heading east along Bloor to University and ending at St. Lawrence Market.

5 Getting crafty — Rachel Papineau, a costume department volunteer and a Seneca fashion arts graduate, puts the finishing touches on belt buckles and mittens for the parade.

6 Bower power — Each parade float takes six weeks to create just like this Johnny Bower tribute. Brand new this year will be floats by Disney, Nintendo, Mother Goose and Chapters, PAW Patrol. ALL IMAGES LIZ BEDDALL/FOR METRO

XMAS CHEER

Distillery retailers welcome extra market

Retailers in the Distillery District say they're glad that a new seasonal marketplace is launching in December at Nathan Phillips Square, even if it does create competition for their Toronto Christmas Market.

"I think that the more events that are going on in the city, the better," said Paula DiRenzo, owner, Blackbird Vintage Finds. "I don't see it as competitive, I see it as holiday spirit spreading further through the city." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Big baby formula booster is busted

VANCOUVER

Suspect accused of hiring drug addicts, selling goods in Asia

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

One alleged prolific criminal is behind bars after Vancouver police seized about $100,000 worth of stolen goods — much of it in the form of baby formula.

Officers seized about $50,000 worth of baby formula in early November after a tip that large amounts of the product were disappearing from store shelves.

Police allege the mastermind behind the operation was hiring drug addicts to steal product for him. The suspect would then sell the product for triple the price in Asia, where demand for Canadian baby formula is high, according to Detective Const. Doug Fell with Vancouver Police Department's anti-fencing unit.

Fencing is the act of buying and selling stolen goods.

"What happens here is the mobile fence uses a predatory method," he said Wednesday. "This individual would provide (drug addicts) money to get their drug fix, and then they would go and boost for him."

Vancouver Police Department spokesman Const. Jason Doucette walks past stacks of seized baby formula. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Police believe the suspect has been operating in Vancouver for about a year, hiring 10 to 20 people a day and gathering over $200,000 worth of stolen product in total. That's worth about 70 per cent of all stolen baby formula in the region, said Fell.

Officers followed him and saw thieves bring him up to 24 units of baby formula at a time. The suspect stored the stolen goods at a Strathcona residence, according to Fell.

He called the operation, "predatory fencing," because it preyed on society's most vulnerable to do the dirty work.

The suspect, who has no criminal history, will face trafficking and counselling-to-commit-offences charges, he said. Other charges are being considered for two other individuals involved in the operation.

This is one of the biggest stashes of stolen retail goods Vancouver police have ever seized and authorities hope this sends a strong message to criminals that this kind of operation is no longer feasible.

CANADA NEWS

Officer found dead in Jordan

A Canadian military officer has been found dead Thursday in a military gym in Jordan, the Department of National Defence says. Maj. Scott Foote, a logistics officer based out of Kingston, Ont., was pronounced dead after attempts to revive him were unsuccessful. His death has been classified as non-combat related and an investigation is underway.

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Premier comes out against 'conquered people' brief

Nova Scotia's premier distanced himself Thursday from a legal brief that implied members of a First Nation band are a conquered people. The brief was part of the government's case in an appeal of its approval of a plan to store natural gas. In a hearing, the Indian Brook band argued the province had a duty to consult with it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ALBERTA

'Trump-style politics' pushes Tory to NDP

Alberta Progressive Conservative member Sandra Jansen crossed the floor to the governing NDP Thursday, saying the moderate party she called home for 30 years is moving to embrace a far-right ideology.

"I need to be true to the values of my constituents and my own values," Jansen told reporters at the legislature, standing beside Premier Rachel Notley at a news conference.

"So I'm supporting a party now that believes in those values, too."

Jansen, a two-term MLA for Calgary North West, has been a longtime champion of equality issues, such as allowing gay-straight alliances in schools.

She quit the PC leadership race earlier this month, saying online and in-person abuse from supporters of another leadership candidate became intolerable.

"The dog-whistle politics that I heard at the PC policy conference (earlier this month) were chilling to me: eroding public education, taking away women's reproductive rights and trying to out gay kids in schools," said Jansen.

"That is not my Alberta."

Jansen has been critical of PC leadership candidate Jason Kenney. She has suggested he is bringing "Trump-style politics" to Alberta from Ottawa.

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WILDLIFE

The gray jay is the choice for national bird. Here's why...

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

It didn't win the popular vote — coming third behind the common loon and the snowy owl — but the Royal Canadian Geographic Society has plucked an underdog to be the national bird of Canada.

The gray jay, also known as the whiskey jack, has been announced as the winner of a two-year search for a national bird.

The decision is not official — but the society is suggesting the government should name the gray jay as the official bird of Canada.

Smart, hardy and friendly — the Royal Canadian Geographic Society says its choice for Canada's national bird epitomizes the best of the country's national traits.

Gray jays depend heavily on their food caches to get them through the winter. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Unlike the snowy owl and the common loon, the jay stays in Canada all winter long. It is a hardy little creature — having been observed in its nest at -30 C.

Also like Canadians, it's a friendly sort. The little bird isn't shy, known to eat nuts and seeds straight from people's hands.

In First Nations lore, the "wisakedjak" is a trickster and a helper, warning people of predators in the woods and even leading lost travellers home by calling from tree to tree.

The choice is for the birds!

When news broke Wednesday that Canadian Geographic had picked the gry jay, also called the whisky jack, as its nomination for this country's official national bird, it touched off a cacophony of tweets — both for and against — at #CanadaBird.

A great many people asked why more seemingly-iconic birds didn't make the cut, birds like the common loon, the snowy owl or the conveniently-named Canada goose.

"What??!! Really?? Not the mighty loon??" wrote Kelda Larsen on Twitter. "Nothing wrong with gray jays, don't get me wrong but…#CanadaBird"

"Wrong choice @CanGeo Canada already has a national bird – the Canada Geese (sic). If you want to change it go with the Cardinal," wrote a user named @__Danno.

But in the opnion of Dan Strickland, Algonquin's retired chief park naturalist, the stout little jay couldn't be more Canadian. He would know — he's studied them for 50 years.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Firefighters battle a blaze at the Robillard building in Montreal on Thursday.
GIUSEPPE VALIANTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's first cinema burns down

Fire gutted a 19th-century building in Montreal's Chinatown district on Thursday that once housed Canada's first cinema.

More than 120 firefighters battled flames leaping out of the historic Robillard building, a heritage property that was constructed around 1885.

According to city-run historical centre, the Robillard building was a 300-seat variety and vaudeville venue called the Palace Theatre.

According to the city, the Robillard was used for projections from 1896-97, making it the first cinema in Canada.

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Dig deep into Trump, like a masseuse

Understanding U.S. president and his impact will require penetrating thought and persistent focus

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

I do not recommend Donald Trump as a conversation topic with your deep-tissue masseuse.

As a newbie, you might already fear that a deep-tissue massage could somehow dismember you. And DT is not relaxing. Dim lighting and looped waterfall audio are no match for the spectre that is DT's incoming presidency, the engine squeals of which are already sounding overhead, what with the appointment of Steve Bannon as chief strategist and all.

You will be now be hearing, every day, the voice of DT oozing out of your radio or TV or YouTube clip, and that is stressful enough. You don't need to hash it over with the man rubbing the bottoms of your feet. Of course, you probably can't help yourself.

All week I've been attempting mental backflips and yogic contortions — efforts to "make sense" of the new world order.

That race and gender, economics, nationalism and technological change all played a role is, I think, clear — although their exact measurements remain a mystery. Did Facebook, too, with its propagation of fake news stories? And what role did ignorance — i.e., a willingness to believe in pretty much anything that makes you feel better — play? Did education fail, or are more Americans than many realized simply horses unwilling to drink, probably because we can't agree on what is water?

Here is my favourite — which is to say, least-favourite — thing about President-elect DT: Nobody knows what he will do. Nobody knows what he will allow to be done in his name or what he will convince his fellow Republicans to do along with him.

> **Trump's slate, I think you'll agree, is muddied and decidedly grim.**

That is what makes calls to "give Trump a chance" so alluring — and wrong. President Barack Obama is perhaps obliged to say this. DT's supporters must, or what was the point of voting for him? But the rest of us do so at our peril. Obviously, we have to wait and see, the way you would after a loved one's been rushed to hospital. DT should be taken seriously, I think we can agree.

That is why so many in America have been writing this week about vigilance, warning about "normalization" in the media, worrying about the future of free speech. Perhaps you saw Peter Mansbridge refer euphemistically on Twitter to Trump's "unconventional campaign style." Perhaps you noted the Huffington Post removed an editor's note that called DT racist, reportedly to start his presidency with a "clean slate."

Trump's slate, I think you'll agree, is muddied and decidedly grim. How to bring America together remains a riddle. Writing off all DT voters is simply bad math: They are one in five of all Americans, or twice the population of Canada. It's also the kind of thinking that will only feed the growth of the alternate-universe America, which believed in DT.

REFUGEE CRISIS

Number of migrant death hits a record

Four Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks in the past 2-1/2 days have caused about 340 migrants to die or go missing, making 2016 the deadliest year on record for asylum seekers risking the dangerous voyage to Europe, a migration organization said Thursday.

The shipwreck casualties brings to over 4,500 the number of migrants who have died or disappeared crossing the Mediterranean so far this year, according to the International Organization for Migration figures. The total compares with the 3,770 people reported dead or missing last year, the previous record.

The organization said Thursday that the death toll is rising as smugglers force departures despite rough, winter seas.

"What is shocking is the cruelty," Flavio Di Giacomo, Italy spokesman for the International Organization for Migration, said. "The traffickers are forcing people to depart despite the prohibitive sea conditions. When they get to the beach, migrants who don't want to go are forced to get on board, even with violence." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

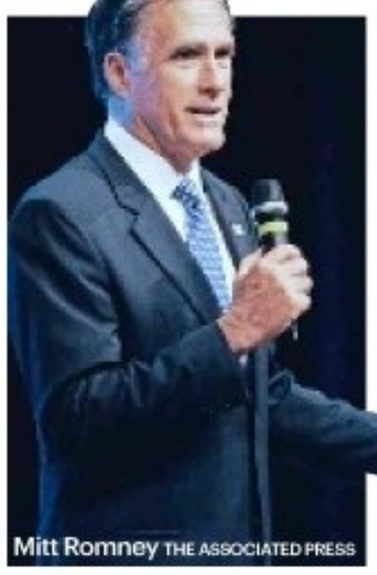
WORLD NEWS

Dozens killed in fuel-truck explosion in Mozambique
Mozambican media say 73 people were killed and more than 100 others were wounded in a fuel tanker explosion in the north of the country. Reports Thursday said bodies were scattered around the site and more might be in surrounding woods. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thai cracking down on insults to royals
Thai authorities cracking down on online insults to the royal family following the recent death of their king pressed Google and Facebook for help as they shut down 1,300-plus websites last month — more than the previous five years combined. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Donald Digest

A roundup of news about the president-elect



Mitt Romney THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From 'loser' to secretary of state?
Mitt Romney will meet this weekend with Donald Trump to discuss taking the secretary of state position, a source told NBC News. Romney has been a critic of Trump, slamming him as a "phoney" and a "fraud." Trump repeatedly referred to Romney as a "loser." But the two began repairing their relationship after Trump's victory. AP

Mending Pences
Vice-President-elect Mike Pence says he's confident Trump's administration can find common ground with Democrats. AP

A new Trumpiculum
San Francisco's public schools have been offered a classroom lesson plan that calls President-elect Donald Trump a racist, sexist man who became president "by pandering to a huge racist and sexist base." AP

In like Flynn
Trump has offered retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn the job of national security adviser, according to a senior Trump official, who wouldn't say whether Flynn has officially accepted the job. AP

Japan willing and Abe-l to work with Trump
Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe says he is convinced that U.S. Donald Trump is a leader in whom he can have great confidence. AP

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ANIMALS ARE IN DANGER NEAR YOU

Most people know the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) keeps a "Red List" of endangered and threatened species. But have you ever wondered how an animal, plant, protist or fungi earns the dubious honour? (Microbes are disqualified.) All these species make their home, or once did, in Canada. **They're all of international concern for conservationists, and our whole planet.**

Extinct

Species extinct in the wild are also called "extirpated." They only live in captivity, such as in zoos.

Extinct

Extinct in the wild

Threatened

In the 1990s, scientists decided that using a simple set of number cut-offs related to extinction chances, range, and population size cut-offs would make it easiest to compare species. They can be estimates or real data.

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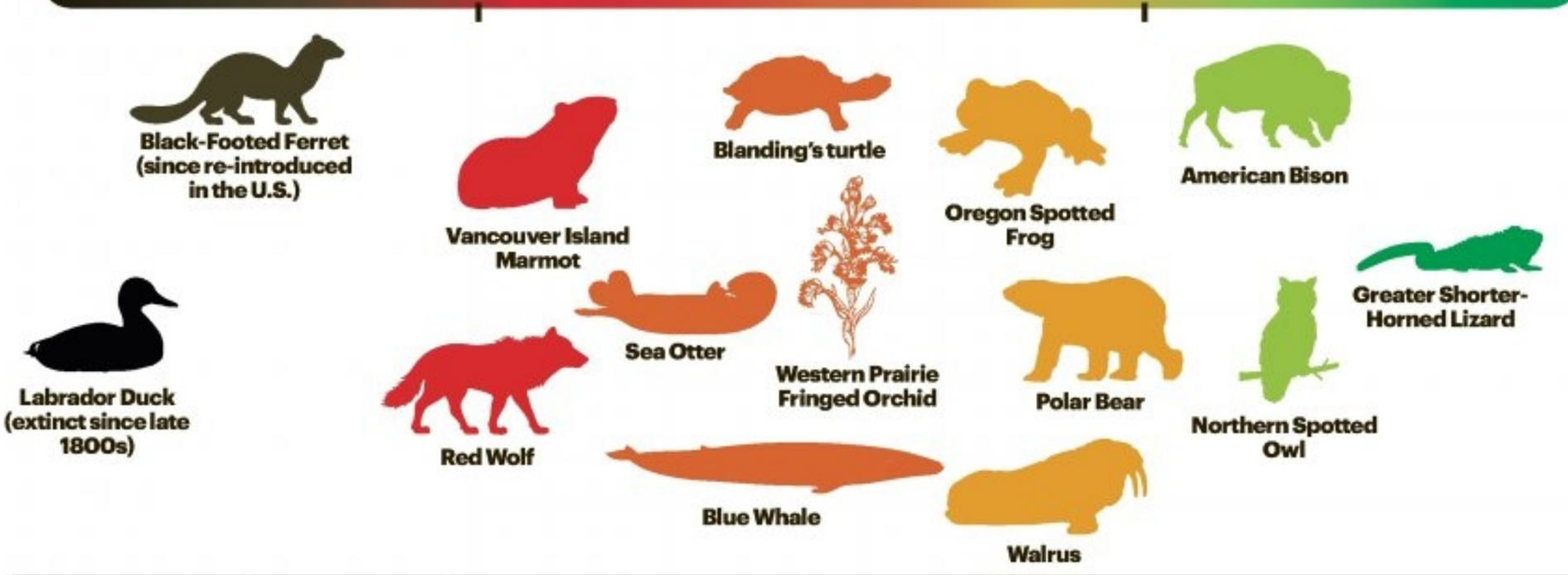
Concerning

"Near threatened" species are heading towards danger. "Least concern" species might still be declining, but aren't expected to disappear soon.

Near Threatened

Least Concern



CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

A word of caution to amateur psychologists

Do you think we have collective psychological trauma from Trump being elected? - Jordyn, Toronto

The study of collective trauma is a complex, emerging area of research. It looks at the effects of traumatic events (like a refugee crisis or genocide), and historical injustices (like slavery). Studies have shown large-scale trauma can affect the way people see themselves as a group. And collective trauma has been used as a theoretical foundation to help explain why historically marginalized people continue to be marginalized by economic and health disparities today.

As far as I can tell, there have never been any studies of collective trauma about something as banal as a regularly scheduled election. But it's true a lot of people are distraught over it. Plus, PTSD has been diagnosed in people traumatized by horror movies, and many would argue that Donald Trump is scarier than Jaws. So I guess it's possible.

"Trauma" is a word that gets thrown around a lot in ways that don't reflect its technical, medical meaning. So I think this is a good time to talk about pop psychology vs. the academic kind.

Psychology attracts a lot of interest from non-scientists: Everyone likes learning about their own mind. Like in any field, psychological theories and ideas come and go. But certain ones have a way of taking hold in the public consciousness, sometimes until long after they've been discarded by academics.

Malcolm Gladwell's seductive books are a perfect example: The finding that 10,000 hours of practice is the magic number needed for mastery didn't hold up in subsequent studies.

I know it's annoying, but before you pass on a sexy psychology idea, consider doing a quick Google search with your key words plus "retracted" "replicated" or "disproved." Often it will crush your conversation-starting dreams. But that's for the best.

Science Question? Tweet @genna_buck

FINDINGS
Your week in science

J28 AND CALF LOOKING THIN IN A DRONE PHOTO. VANCOUVER AQUARIUM, COASTAL OCEAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

WHALE OF A PROBLEM
Cetacean lovers are anxious about last month's death of the orca J28, a.k.a. Polaris, and likely her year-old calf as well. One fewer breeding female is a setback for the fragile population of 80 southern resident killer whales off the coast of B.C. What's going wrong? Scientists suspect either contagious disease or a dangerous accumulation of toxins. Examples are PCBs (coolants), PBDEs (flame retardants) and even Cesium-137 that drifted over from the site of the 2011 Fukishima nuclear accident.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Bioaccumulation is accumulation of a substance (often toxic) in the body. It happens when a species takes in more of something than it can digest or flush out. It's common in predators at the top of the food chain.
USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Doctors tell pregnant women to avoid predatory fish like shark, swordfish and king mackerel because of the **bioaccumulation** of mercury.

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Rowling's magic touched actors early

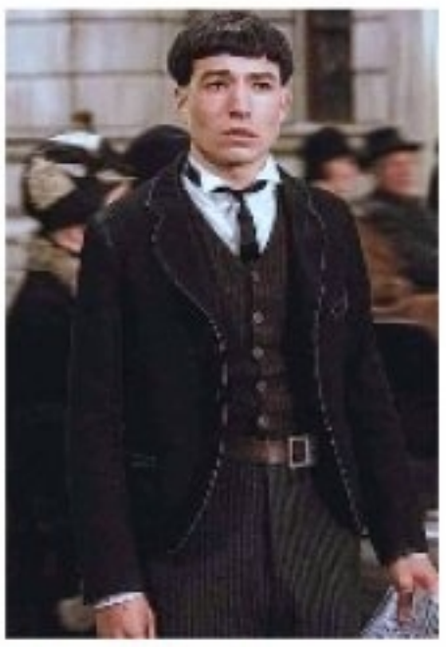
Another J.K. Rowling adventure is on screen. It follows Newt Scamander, author of the textbook Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (also the film's name), in New York City in the 1920s, 70 years before Harry studied the text at Hogwarts. I spoke with the cast, asking them how Rowling and the Potter phenomenon touched them personally. RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO

Eddie Redmayne is Newt Scamander

"I started watching the films when they came out and for me **it was this incredibly warm, wondrous place to go back to every year or two.** It felt familiar and new, and I got to see some of my favourite actors doing extraordinary work. It became a consistent comfort."

Katherine Waterston is Porpentina Goldstein

Waterson plays a witch and former Auror for the Magical Congress of the United States of America: "I really identified with (Rowling's) passion and commitment when I was in my 20s and was a struggling actor. You think of those people and have them in your mind as a mantra to keep you going. Not that one day you may have their success, but that **it is valid to pursue your creative impulses regardless of the outcome."**



Ezra Miller is Credence Barebone

Miller plays a member of the New Salem Philanthropic Society, an anti-witchcraft group: "I think (Rowling) gave to those of us who partook of her work as young people... natural gifts, **a sense of justice and morality, of wonder and of imagination.** A lot of us lose these gifts as we grow old and you look around and adults are boring, tired, jaded and disillusioned but I personally feel J.K. Rowling gave us a means by which to portage those inherent gifts of childhood over the wilderness and into our adult lives."

Dan Fogler is Jacob Kowalski

Fogler plays a non-magical factory worker: "I was a fan of Star Wars, the hero cycle, Joseph Campbell, fantasy, Dungeons and Dragons and all that. When I saw the (Potter) movies I thought, these really contain all of that and they also have that amazing coming of age feeling, like you're watching a John Hughes movie. **All the incredibly personal stuff, like when they did stuff like the Sorting Hats, struck a chord for me.** It reminded me of sleep-away camp when everyone found their own cliques."

Alison Sudol is Queenie Goldstein

Alison Sudol plays a free-spirited witch: "I loved the wizarding world so much, from the get go, from the first page of the first book. I already loved The Chronicles of Narnia and Lewis Carroll, and **here was this world where there was an entirely parallel universe going on alongside ours**, where all these insanely imaginative things were happening. It felt tangible and possible and real. It was such a beautiful place to inhabit in my imagination."

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Director Paul Verhoeven and Isabelle Huppert work through a scene in Elle, Verhoeven's controversial film about a woman seeking revenge on the man who raped her.
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Victim seeks revenge in Verhoeven's Elle

INTERVIEW

Isabelle Huppert stars in film about sexual assault

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

To call director Paul Verhoeven provocative is like suggesting the Atlantic Ocean merely contains some water. He's the man who gave us Saved by the Bell sweetheart Elizabeth Berkley licking a stripper's pole in Showgirls and the splatterfest of Starship Troopers. A cursory glance at any of his films suggests his Taste-O-Meter is permanently set at "garish" but his movies beg for — actually they sit up and demand — more than a cursory look.

His new movie, Elle, based on French-Armenian writer Philippe Djian's award-winning 2012 novel Oh…, is a complex and corrosive psychological thriller about a woman seeking revenge on the man who raped her.

"Sometimes you are in a Hitchcock thriller," says star Isabelle Huppert of the film. "Sometimes you are in a psychological study. Sometimes you are in a comedy and at the end of the day you are in none of those; you are in a Paul Verhoeven film."

Verhoeven's originally planned to relocate the story from France to the United States but ran into roadblocks.

"He makes no secret of that," Huppert laughs. "I like that. He was completely clear. He didn't want me. He wanted an American movie star. He didn't get her so finally he came to get me."

The Paris-born actress was a natural choice to play Michelle. She is a complicated character. As the daughter of a notorious serial killer she has developed a hard shell.

She's blunt to the point of rude with everyone from her future daughter-in-law and ex-husband to her mother and son, who she refers to as "a big lout with nothing special about him."

She's having an affair with her best friend's husband and even deliberately runs into her ex's car then blames the damage on someone else.

"I read the novel first and thought it could potentially be a great film because it is very visual and the character is very interesting," she says. "Then eventually the writer Philippe Djian said he always had me in mind while he was writing the novel. No wonder I immediately felt connected to the role."

Elle is a deeply polarizing movie — in Cannes it was equally lauded and condemned — that treads some very delicate territory.

Not that this is a delicate film. The assault is first heard, then seen in increasingly graphic detail as the running time climbs to the closing credits.

The movie has taken some heat because it's a male director making a film about a female reaction to assault. Huppert rejects the criticism.

"He told me very little and let me take the role wherever I wanted," she says of Verhoeven. "That might be so that at the end you don't have to measure the extent of the (male gaze). The role is not a man's fantasy. I don't think so. The way she is halfway between a victim and the usual James Bondish avenger. She is really in an in-between space which I think is, essentially, very, very, feminine. It is the exploration of something in between, which makes the character very interesting.

"That doesn't make the character like it was the product of a man's fantasy. Plus, as an actress, all the way through, I felt completely protected by him. I never felt the smallest sense of danger or being manipulated."

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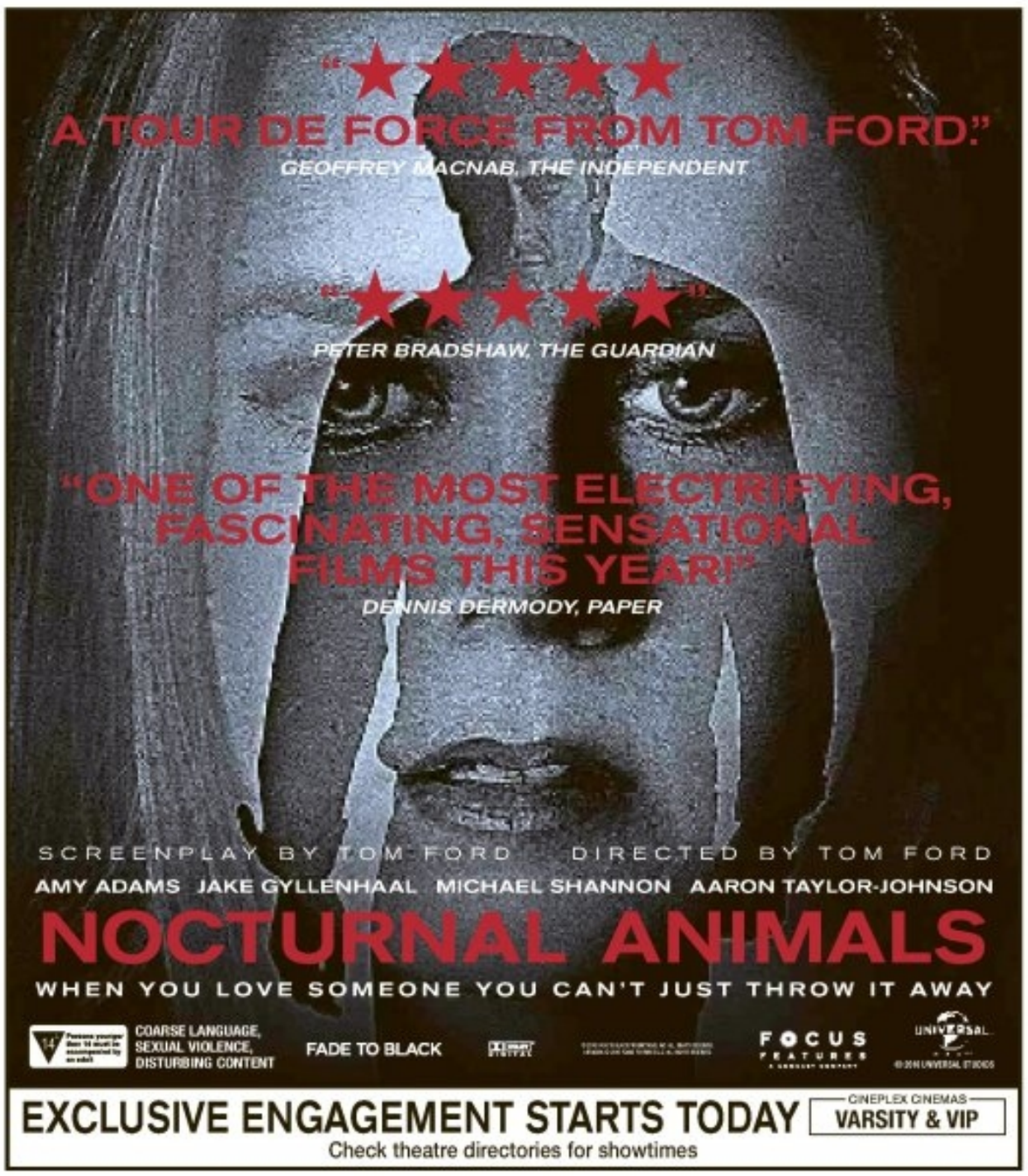

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Capturing millennial teen angst

EDGE OF SEVENTEEN

Fresh female perspective on the hardships of being a teen

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

John Hughes ruled the '80s with his iconic Brat Pack movies. Audiences ate up American Pie in the late '90s. Now, filmmaker Kelly Fremon Craig is hoping to be the voice of the millennial high-school experience.

After all, her acclaimed debut feature The Edge of Seventeen is a clever coming-of-age comedy about a social outcast (Hailee Steinfeld) whose temperamental teenage life becomes even more complicated when her best friend (newcomer Halee Lu Richardson) begins dating her brother.

"We're our own worst enemy. You don't have to have a movie like Mean Girls where there's a mean girl at school — the mean girl can be in yourself," said Richardson of the film's fresh female perspective — one that shuns the teen genre's boilerplate formula of conquering cliques or seeking sex.

"A lot of that gets beaten away when you have a respect for how complicated the age is," insisted Craig, who spent six months interviewing teens before writing the script. "As soon as you recognize that you can't use a broad brush, you've stepped away from a genre film because you're trying to say something more specific or nuanced than that."

Enlisting super-producer James L. Brooks was also key to finding the film's au courant tone. After all, the legendary filmmaker behind such Oscar-winning successes as Jerry Maguire and Terms of Endearment (not to mention television hits like The Simpsons) definitely advised Craig to avoid conventional trappings.

We're our own worst enemy. The mean girl can be in yourself.
Kelly Fremon Craig

"We beat genre away with a stick," said Brooks during the Toronto International Film Festival. "It was always our intention to keep it the hell out of what we were doing and it was healthy for us to patrol the borders that way."

In that sense, casting became critical. While every supporting character resonates, it was Steinfeld (whose breakthrough role in True Grit earned her an Oscar nod at just 14 years old) that will surely speak for the adolescent angst of the millennial generation.

"She was somehow able to pull it all off. She's so ridiculously, impossibly funny and then in the next second, she just shatters you she's so heartbreaking and fragile," said Craig, who insists she auditioned 'a thousand girls' before discovering Steinfeld. "If she didn't exist, the movie wouldn't exist."

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The Pemberton Ice Cap is the southernmost of five giant icefields in B.C. and a short helicopter ride from Whistler. HEADLINE MOUNTAIN HOLIDAYS PHOTOS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Fantastical frozen shapes create scenery in glacial caves

Jennifer Allford
For Torstar News Service

We walk into the ice cave — fingers skimming the frozen wall, boots and hiking pole picking over boulders and a little river rushing alongside. Before we go too far into the cavern of blue, we pause, take off our gloves and turn on our headlamps.

We're walking underneath part of the Pemberton Icecap, the southernmost of five giant icefields in B.C., about 1,300 metres up and a 20-minute helicopter ride from Whistler.

The caves, tunnels really, are formed every year by water melting along the bed of the glacier. As we walk through the ice, drops of water fall on your face and little chunks of ice — just enough for a gin and tonic — bounce off your shoulder.

"I like to hang out in the blue," says Doug Washer with a grin as bright as the headlamp on his helmet. "It's my happy place."

As head of Head-Line Mountain Holidays, Washer helps bring hundreds of visitors to the icecap every year to hike the caves, go snowmobiling or, in some cases, hold a wedding. We pick our way over the slippery rocks and Washer points out a moulin, a skylight in the tunnel that lets the sun stream in, showing off fantastical frozen shapes and about a million shades of blue in the ice. He warns us not to touch a giant sculpture of ice that descends from the top of the tunnel, technically an icicle, but he encourages us to get up close to the walls of the cave to see air bubbles and bits of sand trapped in the ice.

Washer has been leading backcountry tours for about 30 years and he clearly delights in showing the wonders waiting in the caves.

"I get more joy taking people on this trip than any other thing I've ever done," he says.

Eager to learn more about the ice, Washer is working with glaciologist Gwenn Flowers from Simon Fraser University to better understand how the icecap is changing.

"Ice itself flows, it turns over with time," Flowers says from her office in Vancouver. "The ice starts as snow and becomes incorporated into the glacier, flows through and eventually melts out somewhere else."

The ice cave we're in came from somewhere upstream and she estimates it's likely been around for decades, maybe centuries.

We emerge from the cave and walk up through rocks artfully arranged by ice and time. We turn off our headlamps and head back to the helicopters that are parked on top of the ice caves.

Washer leads the way, probing the ice with a pole to ensure we aren't walking over a crevasse. We snake our way back single file, smelling the barbecue and, when we get there, we strip off a few layers to enjoy grilled skewers of meat and shrimp in the sun.

As we eat, Washer tells us about the worms that live in the ice and the upside-down necklace shape of the arches we walked through. "It's the strongest shape in the world," he says.

As we sit atop a retreating icecap, the talk turns, inevitably, to climate change.

"We are part of the problem but I like to ask the question, 'How do I be part of the solution,'" says Washer of the research project with Flowers. "Literally, each and every time we are flying out here, we are photographing, we are measuring, we are assessing, we are recording what's going on," he says.

Engrossed in conversation, we don't notice the clouds coming in. But the pilots do. It's time to go.

As we take off, looking down at the deep lines of blue that run through the ice, we can't help but wonder about the rivers flowing, ice sculptures forming and worms that are moving underneath.

Jennifer Allford was hosted by Tourism Whistler and its partners, none of which reviewed or approved this story.

If you go

Find out more
Head-Line Mountain Holidays has a Heli Ice Cave Explore package that starts at $1,395 per person, based on four people. The guided adventure starts with a helicopter ride from Whistler and takes about four hours.

TRAVEL NOTES HOLIDAY DRONES, OLYMPIC SURFING AND PRINCESS DI'S STYLE

Disney World using 300 drones in new holiday light show

Walt Disney World is using 300 drones in a new Christmas light show. A dress rehearsal was held Wednesday night, but Disney has not announced dates for the show. The Orlando Sentinel reports it is believed to be the first time drones will be used in a performance of this magnitude in the U.S. Disney is collaborating with Intel on the project. The show will take place at Disney Springs.
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Hawaii to use Olympic surfing to attract tourists

Hawaii is trying to bring in more tourists by taking advantage of surfing's elevation to Olympic sport status. Surfing will be an official sport in the 2020 Olympic games in Tokyo. The Hawaii Tourism Authority usually spends most of its $9.1 million U.S. sports budget on land-based events, but will start to focus on surfing and water sports as the games approach.
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New exhibition celebrates the style of Princess Diana

Kensington Palace in London says a new exhibition tracing the evolution of the late Princess Diana's style is set to open in February. The palace said Tuesday that the exhibition, Diana: Her Fashion Story is the first palace exhibition in a decade to focus solely on the princess. It will include Victor Edelstein's ink blue velvet gown, which Diana wore as she danced with John Travolta at the White House in 1985. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Line the tree with top toys of the season

PLAYFUL THINGS

From babes to teens, these prezzies are sure to please

Tanya Enberg

From budding builders and aspiring artists to Star Wars enthusiasts and tech lovers, here's a round up of some of the season's hottest toys guaranteed to please all of the kids on your holiday list.

Babies

Babies will giggle and jiggle with the **Dance and Move Beat-BowWow** from Fisher-Price. Push the buttons on the paws and he will play songs, light up and bust out dance moves, with head bobbing, ears wiggling and tail wagging. *$29.94 at Walmart.ca.*

3 + years

Award-winning **Valtech Magna-Tiles** is a must-have kit for builders of any age. The colourful translucent 3-D magnetic tiles connect easily so kids can create whatever the imagination stirs up, while developing math, science and fine motor skills at the same time. *100-piece set, $124.99 at Amazon.ca.*

The Playmobil Pony Farm takes little ones on a journey to the country. Go for a ride, feed the animals, and take care of the play den with all the tools needed to run the farm. *$59.99 at Playmobil.ca.*

All things Paw Patrol remain hot this year and the new **Zoomer Marshall** from Spin Master is eager to get the adventure rolling. Marshall walks, talks, spins and comes with rescue missions and pretend water cannons that launch. *$89.99 at Toysrus.ca.*

Young artists will love drawing, writing and getting their scribbles out on the **Scribble n' Play eWriter** from Boogie Board. The reusable doodle pad has an innovative multicolour LCD screen, bringing colour to eWriters for the first time. *$49.99 at Mastermindtoys.com.*

Also new from Boogie Board is the **Jot 4.5 Clearview**, featuring a translucent LCD screen and removable alphabet flashcards for tracing big and small letters — ideal for mess-free learning. *$29.99 at Michaels.com.*

The Hexbug AquaBot Wahoo is a zippy robotic fish that spins, dives and loops around when submerged in water. The small creature comes with a bowl, but is super entertaining to set free in the bathtub, too. *About $21 at Toysrus.ca.*

Open up a world of magic inside the **Sago Mini Portable Playset, Jinja's House**. The kit comes with Jinja and Rosie figurines, delightful accessories and folds into a handy storage box in seconds. *$34.95 at Indigo.ca.*

New arrival, the **Our Generation Nia 18" Doll** makes stylish addition to any collection. Nia is spotlight ready with a ballet dress, adorable shoes and leg warmers. *$39.99 at Mastermindtoys.com.*

5+ years

Hatchimals are literally flying off the shelves. Called the hottest toy of the season, these cute creatures live inside an egg until they are ready to hatch with the help of human touch. Once out, the fun begins as kids teach their furry critter to walk, talk, dance and play games. *$79.99 at Toysrus.ca, though finding them in stock may be tough.*

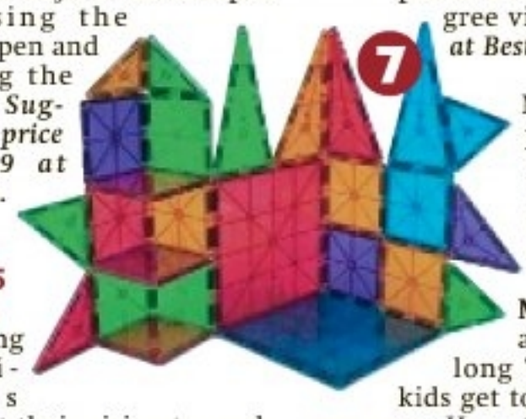
Cuteness is in the house with loyal Astromech Droid, BB-8. **The Star Wars Force Awakens Remote Control BB-8** rolls in any direction and makes authentic sounds. *Prices vary. Available at shopatshowcase-canada.com and Indigo.ca.*

Save playroom space with the three-in-one art studio from V-Tech. **The DigiArt Creative Easel** transforms from a dry erase board to chalkboard and a drawing table. One of the coolest features is learning to draw objects and shapes by using the magic pen and tracing the light. *Suggested price $79.99 at Sears.ca.*

6 – 15 years

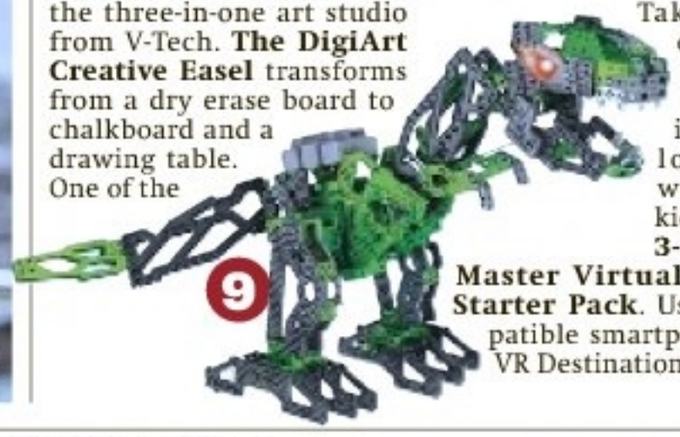
Aspiring architects can put their vision to work building **Emma's Townhouse from the Roominate line** by PlayMonster. Combining design and engineering, kids create their own townhouse and outfit it with custom furniture, wallpaper and circuitry to bring it to life. *$59.99 at Amazon.ca.*

Get powered up with the recent arrival of **DC Super Hero Action Hero dolls** to Canada. The Mattel line includes Wonder Woman, Supergirl, Batgirl, Harley Quinn, Bumblebee, Poison Ivy, and Katana. *About $25 each at Walmart.ca.*



Meet the perfect pet for dinosaur enthusiasts — the **Meccano Meccasaur**, a three-foot long T-Rex that kids get to build and program. Hear the Meccasaur roar and watch it guard, walk and stomp. Recommended for 10+. *$159.99 at Mastermindtoys.com.*

Take an inexpensive journey to incredible locations with the kid-friendly **3-D View-Master Virtual Reality Starter Pack**. Use a compatible smartphone and VR Destinations app and become immersed in famous places with a 360-degree view. *$29.99 at Bestbuy.ca.*



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Analytics making strokes with sensor

SWIMMING

Canada's elite in the pool turning to wearable tech

University of Calgary swimmer Rob Hill believes the sensor has helped make him faster. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wearable technology designed to help Penny Oleksiak swim even faster was unveiled Thursday at an Own The Podium sport science and technology summit in Calgary.

It looks similar to a Garmin or Fitbit worn on the wrist, but a lot more data is extrapolated, crunched and analyzed from the accelerometer within it.

Yes, "swimlytics" is here.

"Swimlytics is what we call the system because it's about swimmers, it's about swimming and it's data analytics," said Dr. John Barden, a University of Regina associate professor in kinesiology and creator of the technology.

"We're taking data from the sensor, sending it to a server and we're doing more processing, more analysis of that data outside the sensor itself."

The technology wasn't far enough along for Canada's swim team to make use of it prior to the Summer Games in Rio in August.

Canadian women still produced six medals in the pool. Oleksiak, a 16-year-old from Toronto, won freestyle gold, butterfly silver and swam the anchor legs for a pair of relay bronze.

"Swimming Canada is fully engaged in this project," Own The Podium chief executive officer Anne Merklinger said. "It will be a game-changer for swimming.

"What this helps coaches gather is data. The more data we can give them that is valuable and practical really helps athletes eventually get on the podium."

University of Calgary swimmers Rob Hill of North Vancouver, B.C., and Peter Brothers of Victoria wore the sensors during a workout Thursday.

> **I know very well that a few tenths (of a second) can make a big difference from making a team and not making a team.**
> University of Calgary swimmer Peter Brothers

Barden then took the sensors to a conference room to demonstrate data analysis.

Hill has already worn the sensor half a dozen times in the pool. Data analysis tells him how to make his stroke more powerful and efficient and also when his stroke breaks down during a hard set or session in the pool.

He believes the information has made him faster.

"I'd like to think so. I'd like to think stroke correction is a big deal," Hill said.

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MLB

Bryant and Trout earn MVP honours

Kris Bryant and Mike Trout GETTY IMAGES

Chicago Cubs slugger Kris Bryant has been voted NL MVP, and Los Angeles Angels centre-fielder Mike Trout is the AL winner for the second time in three years.

Bryant hit .292 with 39 homers and 102 RBIs in just his second year in the majors, helping the Cubs to their first World Series title since 1908. He becomes just the sixth player to win rookie of the year and MVP in one or consecutive seasons.

Bryant received 29 first-place votes, and Washington second baseman Daniel Murphy was the runner-up.

While the Angels finished fourth in the AL West, Trout was his usual brilliant self. He batted .315 with 29 homers, 100 RBIs and 30 steals. He scored 17 per cent of Los Angeles' runs, the highest percentage for an AL player since Rickey Henderson with the 1985 New York Yankees.

Trout received 19 of 30 first-place votes. Boston right-fielder Mookie Betts was second.

AL batting champion Jose Altuve of Houston was third, and Toronto's Josh Donaldson, who won the award in 2015, placed fourth. Edwin Encarnacion was 14th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB IN BRIEF

Astros land McCann and $11M from Yankees

The New York Yankees traded veteran catcher Brian McCann and $11 million to the Houston Astros on Thursday for a pair of young minor-league pitchers.

Houston sent right-handers Albert Abreu and Jorge Guzman to the Yankees.

McCann is a seven-time all-star, but his playing time diminished in the second half of the season as rookie Gary Sanchez emerged as a power hitter with 20 home runs in just 53 games.

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Colon officially joins Braves' starting rotation

The Atlanta Braves have officially signed 43-year-old Bartolo Colon, adding needed experience to a young rotation.

The agreement on the one-year, $12.5-million deal with the free agent right-hander was reported last week. The deal became official with Colon passing his physical.

The Braves also have reached an agreement with 42-year-old knuckleballer R.A. Dickey. The two will join Julio Teheran atop the rotation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NBA D-LEAGUE

Raptors 905's sophomore season brings renewed hopes

When the Raptors 905 issued an open call for prospective players, Negus Webster-Chan answered early, quickly falling into a game of H-O-R-S-E with head coach Jerry Stackhouse.

The friendly shooting contest grew intense.

When Stackhouse, who averaged 16.9 points a game over 18 NBA seasons, would hit a shot so would Webster-Chan, a Scarborough native looking to jump-start his hoops career.

The tryout, at the University of Toronto's Goldring Centre on Sept. 10, hadn't started but Webster-Chan's audition had already begun. Stackhouse eventually won the contest but the 23-year-old had won the coach's respect.

Participants had to pay $275 each to be in the open tryout and it paid off for Webster-Chan, who earned a spot on the Raptors 905's final roster. He'll take the court Friday night when the club begins its second season at home in the NBA Development League versus Greensboro. And he hopes his stint can lend momentum to a career slowed by false starts.

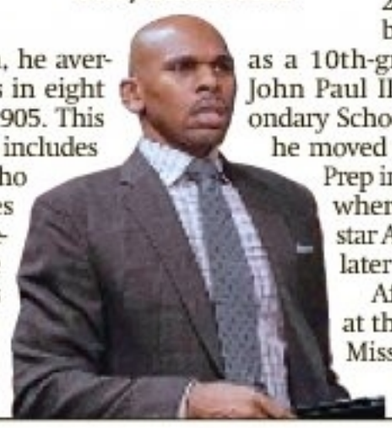
"It's another opportunity to showcase to GMs overseas and in the NBA that I can be versatile, play the one, two, three and guard the four," says Webster-Chan, a six-foot-seven shooting guard. "Just put myself back out there again."

Last season the club averaged roughly 2,400 spectators for games at Mississauga's Hershey Centre, and finished last season 23-27, third in the D-League's Atlantic Division.

Scarborough's Negus Webster-Chan will try to resurrect his pro career when the Raptors 905 kick off their season tonight at Hershey Centre in Mississauga. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

More importantly, the 905 incubated talent. Before Norman Powell blossomed into a key role player for the Raptors' playoff run, he averaged 24.9 points in eight games with the 905. This year's roster also includes Axel Toupane, who played 32 games in Mississauga before joining the Denver Nuggets for 21 games last season.

> **He has the size of a shooting guard and the ability to play some point guard, and we can even post him up.**
> Jerry Stackhouse



Those players' success signals to other hopefuls that the 905 prioritizes player development as heavily as they do winning.

The setup seems ideal for Webster-Chan, who averaged 22 points and 10 boards a game as a 10th-grader at Pope John Paul II Catholic Secondary School. From there, he moved to Huntington Prep in West Virginia, where current NBA star Andrew Wiggins later joined him.

After one season at the University of Missouri, Webster-Chan transferred to Hawaii, where he sat out a season then averaged 8.3 points per game, and led his team in three-point percentage as a redshirt sophomore.

But a coaching change in the spring of 2015 left Webster-Chan unsure about his position in the program, so he passed up his final two years of eligibility to turn pro. Last season he played 12 games with the Halifax Hurricanes of the NBL, and showed up at Raptors 905 tryouts seeking an opportunity and stability.

While he hopes the Raptors eventually summon him to Air Canada Centre, Webster-Chan says team goals come first.

"I'll do whatever coach needs me to do to get (the job) done," he says. "We want to win. We want to get better. That's what everybody is here to do. Get better and win." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NHL

Lightning living in Stamkos-less reality

Given the choice, defenceman Victor Hedman and the Tampa Bay Lightning would prefer not being thrust into the position of having to once again prove they're capable at succeeding without captain Steven Stamkos.

The only real consolation is knowing the Lightning have done it before.

"You live in this reality now, and we've just got to have to face it," Hedman said, Thursday. "It'll be a good test for us. But at the same time, we know we can handle it, and we know we can win hockey games even though we're going to miss him."

Hedman spoke before the Lightning played at Buffalo, and a day after the team announced Stamkos was out indefinitely with a torn ligament in his right knee. Stamkos was hurt in the first period of a 4-3 win at Detroit on Tuesday.

Steven Stamkos GETTY IMAGES

Later on Thursday, the Lightning announced Stamkos had surgery and was expected to miss four months as coach Jon Cooper had suggested might be the timetable earlier in the day.

"If we put ourselves in a position to make the playoffs, he's going go to be back," Cooper said. "And that'll be better than any trade deadline acquisition than anybody else is going to get."

The challenge now is for the Lightning to make the postseason without the two-time NHL scoring champion and the team's on- and off-ice leader. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MMA

Johnson, McGregor top latest UFC ranks

Irish MMA phenom Conor McGregor, who added the UFC lightweight title to his featherweight championship on the weekend, has moved up to No. 2 in the UFC's pound-for-pound rankings.

McGregor, who trails only flyweight title-holder Demetrious (Mighty Mouse) Johnson in the rankings, jumped two spots in voting by a media panel.

In moving up, he knocked bantamweight champion Dominick Cruz and light-heavyweight title-holder Daniel Cormier to No. 3 and 4, respectively. McGregor (21-3-0) defeated Eddie Alvarez at UFC 205 to become the first double title holder in two weight divisions. Strawweight champion Joanna Jedrzejczyk is the highest-ranked woman in seventh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Warm weather undoes Colorado ski events

The men's World Cup downhill, super-G and giant slalom races at Beaver Creek in two weeks have been cancelled because of unseasonably warm weather.

The International Ski Federation made the decision Thursday on a day when the resort was receiving snow.

On Wednesday, FIS said a lack of snow forced the cancellation of the men's World Cup speed races Nov. 26-27 in Lake Louise, Alta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron donates $2.5M to Muhammad Ali exhibit

LeBron James is giving back to a champion who shaped his life.

The Cavaliers star is donating $2.5 million to support an exhibit honouring Muhammad Ali at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in D.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rookies lead Aussie Open

Former top-ranked American Jordan Spieth yielded the spotlight in Thursday's first round of the Australian Open to a pair of rising local stars: U.S. amateur champion Curtis Luck and rookie professional Lucas Herbert.

Herbert and Luck both shot 5-under 67 to lead the tournament by a shot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reports say Gerrard is headed into management

British media reports say English third-tier side Milton Keynes Dons has held talks with former Liverpool captain Gerrard over its managerial vacancy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO FC

Irwin feels pain of rival keeper Howard

Clint Irwin knows a little something about Colorado Rapids, having played there for three years before joining the Toronto FC this season.

He is also familiar with freak injuries, after a routine goal kick in July led to more than two months on the injury list with a quadriceps strain.

So the Toronto FC goalkeeper has a unique perspective when it comes to the biggest injury news in Major League Soccer as of late: Rapids goalkeeper Tim Howard missing out on the rest of the playoffs after fracturing his right adductor longus — located in the upper groin — while taking a goal kick during the United States' national team's World Cup qualifier against Mexico last week.

Clint Irwin, left, and Tim Howard. GETTY IMAGES

"The biggest thing is, as a goalkeeper, that's what you don't want to see, is someone go down on a goal kick," said Irwin, whose heart went out to Howard, who left the U.S.'s loss in the 40th minute and is set to undergo surgery.

Getting injured in such a seemingly innocuous manner is "probably your worst nightmare as a goalkeeper," Irwin said.

"You do it 30 times a game and nothing happens. It's just that one and you miss so much time because of it."

Now the reins between Colorado's posts will be handed to 25-year-old Zac MacMath, who featured in the Rapids' first 16 games of this season before Howard signed from English Premier League club Everton.

MacMath's statistics from the first half of the season are similar to Howard's in the latter half of the year. Still, he has not played for Colorado Rapids since Aug. 3. His previous start came June 22.

Irwin, who was No. 1 to MacMath's No. 2 in Denver last year, believes his old colleague will be an effective replacement.

"They know they have someone capable who can step in, and I think they'll really be fine in that aspect." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Break weakens England's elite

PREMIER LEAGUE

Costly injuries for Mourinho, Wenger ahead of their face off

The final round of the international break fixtures in 2016 did no favours for managers of some of the English Premier League's title hopefuls. Jose Mourinho and Arsene Wenger, in particular, will vouch for that ahead of the renewal of their often-heated coaching rivalry.

When Mourinho's Manchester United and Wenger's Arsenal meet at Old Trafford on Saturday for the standout game in the 12th round of matches, there could be some major names missing because of injuries sustained on international duty.

United captain Wayne Rooney has caused a furor by being photographed, looking bleary-eyed, alongside some guests at a wedding party taking place at the England team hotel on Saturday. But by then, he'd picked up a knee injury during England's 3-0 win over Scotland the night before, causing him to miss Tuesday's match against Spain, and Rooney is now doubtful for the Arsenal game.

It was the last thing Mourinho would have wanted, considering he is already without suspended striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic and centre backs Eric Bailly and Chris Smalling, as well as having serious doubts over the fitness of midfielder Marouane Fellaini and full backs Luke Shaw and Antonio Valencia.

Wenger, meanwhile, will ask Alexis Sanchez for an honest assessment of his fitness after Arsenal's star forward sustained a hamstring injury while away with Chile. Sanchez missed a draw against Colombia but returned for the 3-1 win over Uruguay on Tuesday, although his right leg was heavily braced.

Sanchez isn't due to return to Arsenal's training base until Friday and the match against United is a lunchtime kickoff on Saturday.

"What I will consider is the risk of injury because he played while recovering from a hamstring injury," Wenger said on Thursday. "I'll consider the way he feels as well. On that front you depend on the honesty of the player, how they feel and how they recover."

Wenger will be careful about overloading Sanchez, who has scored eight goals for Arsenal this season. This time last year, Sanchez picked up a hamstring injury following a grueling run of back-to-back games for club and country and ended up missing the next two months, which was huge blow to Arsenal's title hopes.

Arsenal plays Paris Saint-Germain in a big Champions League game on Wednesday, too. Liverpool and Chelsea, the Premier League's top two, could also be short-handed.

Adam Lallana, one of Liverpool's quartet of sprightly forwards that has been in devastating form this season, hobbled off during England's game against Spain and is a doubt for the leaders' trip to Southampton.

As for second-place Chelsea, Diego Costa was ruled out of both of Spain's games during the break because of groin injury and Eden Hazard limped off during Belgium's 8-1 win over Estonia with an apparent calf injury. It isn't yet clear if either Costa or Hazard — the scorers of 15 league goals between them —will be fit for the Chelsea's match at Middlesbrough.

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$700M

The English Premier League has reportedly sold its TV rights in China for $700 million in its biggest-ever overseas sale.

Arsenal forward Alexis Sanchez scored a pair of goals in Chile's 3-1 win over Uruguay in World Cup qualifying in Santiago on Tuesday. MARCELO HERNANDEZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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- Southampton-Liverpool
- Stoke-Bournemouth
- Sunderland-Hull City
- Watford-Leicester
- Tottenham-West Ham

SUNDAY
- Middlesbrough-Chelsea

MONDAY
- West Bromwich-Burnley

IN BRIEF

Van der Merwe takes over

Winger DTH van der Merwe will captain Canada for the first time in Saturday's rugby test match against Romania in Bucharest.

He takes over from No. 8 Aaron Carpenter, who broke his arm in Canada's 52-21 loss to fifth-ranked Ireland last Saturday in Dublin. Romania is ranked 16th in the world, compared to No. 18 for Canada.

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Sevens stars return in time

Bolstered by four high-profile additions from the sevens program, Canada takes on Ireland in a women's rugby test match Saturday.

No. 8 Kelly Russell returns to her 15s role as captain while fellow sevens alumni Karen Paquin, Elissa Alarie and former player of the year Magali Harvey also feature in coach Francois Ratier's starting lineup.

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The Downtown Ford ad that was advertised in the November 17th edition of Metro Newspaper was incorrect. The actual drive-away cash price for the 2016 F-150 AWD Supercrew Truck Stock#160423 is $35,083.00 plus HST with a discount of $11,756.00 NOT $11,756.00 with a discount of $35,083.00 plus HST as was printed. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Wolfpack get ready to show their teeth

EXPANSION

Toronto's new pro team eager to make rugby league heard

Rumoured Wolfpack signing Fuifui Moimoi. GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Toronto Wolfpack have found a training base in England, wrapped up tryouts in three countries and signed players from Ireland to Samoa.

The fledgling Canadian rugby league franchise is slated to announce a "significant player signing" Sunday in Liverpool, England, at a news conference prior to the Four Nations final between Australia and New Zealand. Reports have linked Toronto to former Tonga and New Zealand international Fuifui Moimoi.

"We'll also be announcing a landmark pre-season schedule — (one) never seen before," said Wolfpack CEO Eric Perez, who will also use the occasion to announce the team's U.K. broadcast partner and kit sponsor.

The Wolfpack open play in March in the Kingstone Press One, the third tier of English rugby league. The goal is to win promotion and eventually make it to the elite Super League.

Bankrolled by an unidentified ownership group of Canadian and Australian businessmen who made their money in mining and resources, the Wolfpack have spared no expense. They are paying the travel and accommodation cost for visiting teams and have made a 250,000 pound ($419,435) "good faith" payment to the Rugby Football League, the governing body of English rugby league. That kind of commitment has won over naysayers in England, said Perez.

"We are super serious about making this thing not only successful but a benchmark for transatlantic sports," he said.

Starting March 4 against the London Skolars, Toronto will play its first five games on the road in England before opening at its Lamport Stadium home May 6 against Oxford RLFC. The Wolfpack will play the next weekend in Newcastle prior to returning to Toronto for two more home games. Toronto will then play two more road games before finishing out the campaign with 10 straight home dates.

For Perez, it's a demanding schedule with a group of tough teams waiting from the get-go.

"If we get promoted, we'll deserve it because the schedule isn't making it easy," he added. "Nobody's doing us any favours, not that we want them to do us any favours."

Perez says the club has a 10-15-year plan to improve Lamport Stadium, with new turf coming in for the 2018 season. He says the team is ahead of schedule on tickets sales and expects sellouts of some 9,000 to 10,000 per game in 2017. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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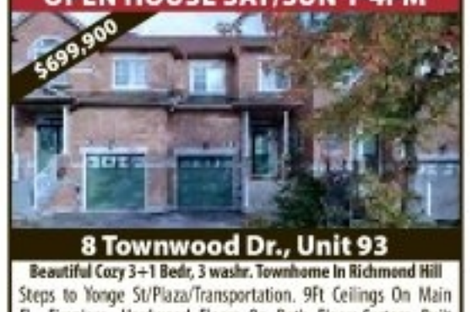

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- 1 cup cheddar, grated
- 1/2 Granny Smith apple, thinly sliced
- 1 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp yogurt
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard

Directions

1. Mix mayo, yogurt and mustard in a small bowl.

2. Warm large skillet over medium heat. Place two pieces of bread butter side down in the pan. Spread mayo mix across the two slices of bread. Divide grated cheese in half and sprinkle it over the bread.

3. Lay two slices of ham onto each piece of bread. Add layer of apple slices. Top with the other pieces of bread, butter side out.

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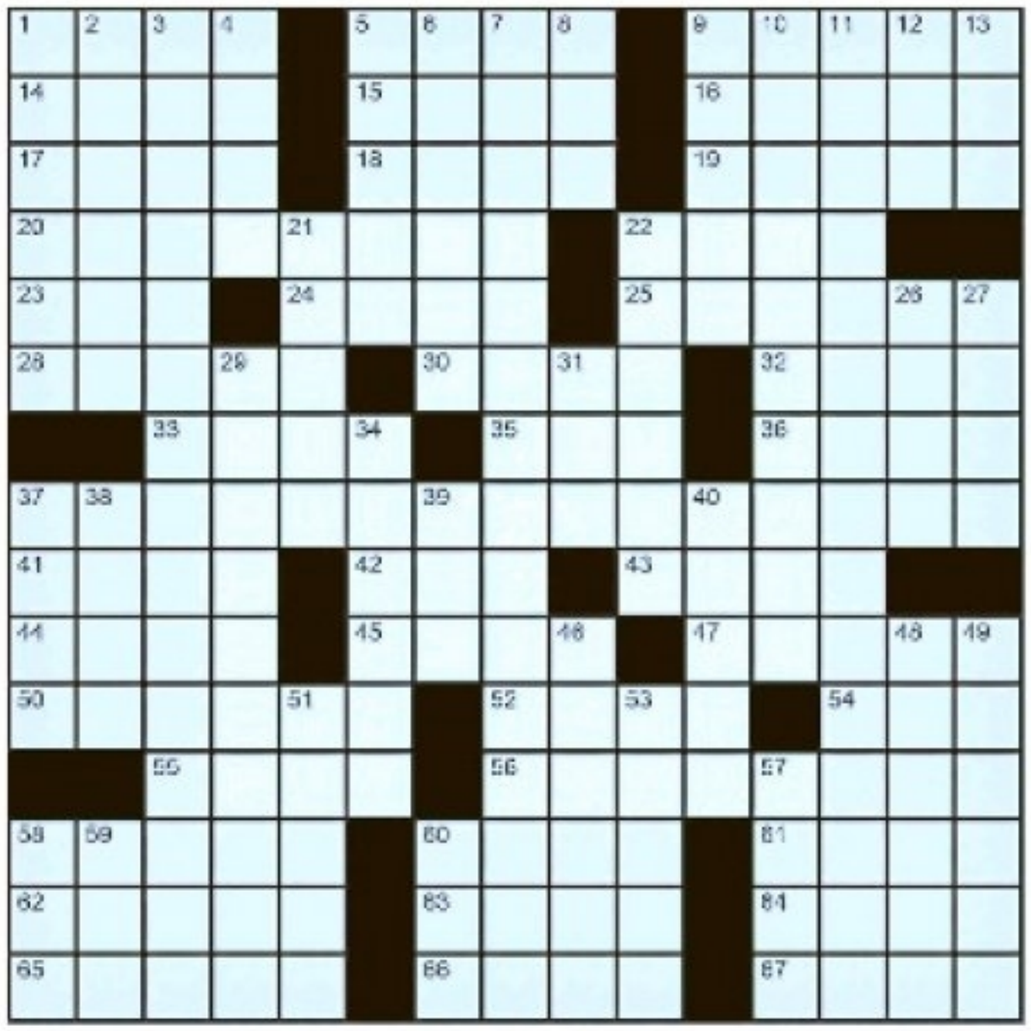

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16. Strainer
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18. "Assuming that's true...": 2 wds.
19. Nero's 254
20. Publicist's media packet: 2 wds.
22. Montreal-born humourist Mort
23. War on Poverty agcy. created by US President Johnson
24. Recreation spot, in Quebec
25. Readies
28. _ Code
30. Volcanic crater
32. Outperform
33. Outfit
35. TV brand
36. Alternative magazine, _ Reader
37. Gusto TV series showcasing Canada's diverse cuisine: 3 wds.
41. Majority
42. Lenore poet's monogram
43. Memo
44. Curve
45. Actress Ms. Summer
47. Dock's dockees
50. Enthusiastic: 2 wds.
52. "Full Metal Jacket" (1987) actor, _. _ Ermey
54. US gun gr.
55. August: French
56. Family name of Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie's mother Sarah
58. 'The Hare' constellation
60. Saint Petersburg's river
61. Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
62. Keels parts
63. "Law & Order: SVU" actor
64. "_!_ bug!"
65. New _, India
66. _ _ time (Never)
67. Historic times

DOWN
1. Toque topper
2. "Connected" by _ MC's
3. Place of worship in England at Windsor Castle where Prince Charles and Camilla received the blessing of their 2005 wedded union: 3 wds.
4. Throw out
5. Arcade Fire's "Neighborhood #2 (_)"
6. Ratify
7. Like the scenic imagery of a tourist spot such as Peggys Cove: 2 wds.
8. God willing, _
volente
9. Acting honour
10. Historic town in eastern New Brunswick located on the river sharing its name
11. "I give up on this riddle already!": 4 wds.
12. 'Egg'-meaning prefix
13. Reno, _.
21. 'Dum spiro, _' = 'While I breathe, I hope'
22. Twisted ankle injury
26. Feudal labourer
27. British WWII submachine gun
29. Wasn't taken in by the hoax: 2 wds.
31. "Yikes!"
34. German playwright Bertolt
37. Mr. Epps
38. Ms. Ephron
39. Roman myth household deity
40. "Ain't Too Proud _ _" by The Temptations
46. "Ocean's _" (2001)
48. Three-horsed Russian carriage
49. Mr. Claus'
51. Also: French
53. One of Thalia's mythological sisters
57. One being conned
58. '60s hallucinogen
59. _ out a living
60. Ms. Peeples

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful not to fall for smarmy rhetoric or fast-talking words that sell you an idea. Today, discussions about religion, politics and racial matters are deceptive. Think for yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day for important financial decisions, especially about inheritances and shared property. That's because your thinking is hazy.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with others might be confusing. Be very clear in everything you have to say today. Likewise, make sure you understand others.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Someone might appeal to your sense of sympathy at work today. Perhaps this is genuine; perhaps it is not. It's good to be helpful — on the other hand, don't be conned.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might be disappointed by romance today. Or a social occasion might leave you wanting more. Perhaps you expected something different? Unexpressed expectations almost always lead to disappointment.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Family discussions are confusing today; be aware of this. Listen to others but wait until tomorrow to agree to anything important.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Be careful when doing home repairs today because you might not have all the facts. Something will confuse you. It is better to postpone acting until tomorrow, which is a clear day (mentally speaking).

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is not a good day for important financial decisions, because you might be deceived or you might have incorrect information. Furthermore, wishing doesn't make it so.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today it's as if you have Vaseline on your lens. You might see someone or something as being better than it is — or even worse than it is. It's hard to say.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Secrets might come out today. If so, don't be quick to believe them. Don't believe everything you hear. Test the facts for yourself.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today a friend might try to convince you of something or you might feel pressured by a group. In either case, do not respond. Wait until tomorrow so you'll know what's really happening.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Conversations with authority figures are confusing today, which is why you should not act on an important decision. Make sure you know what you need to know.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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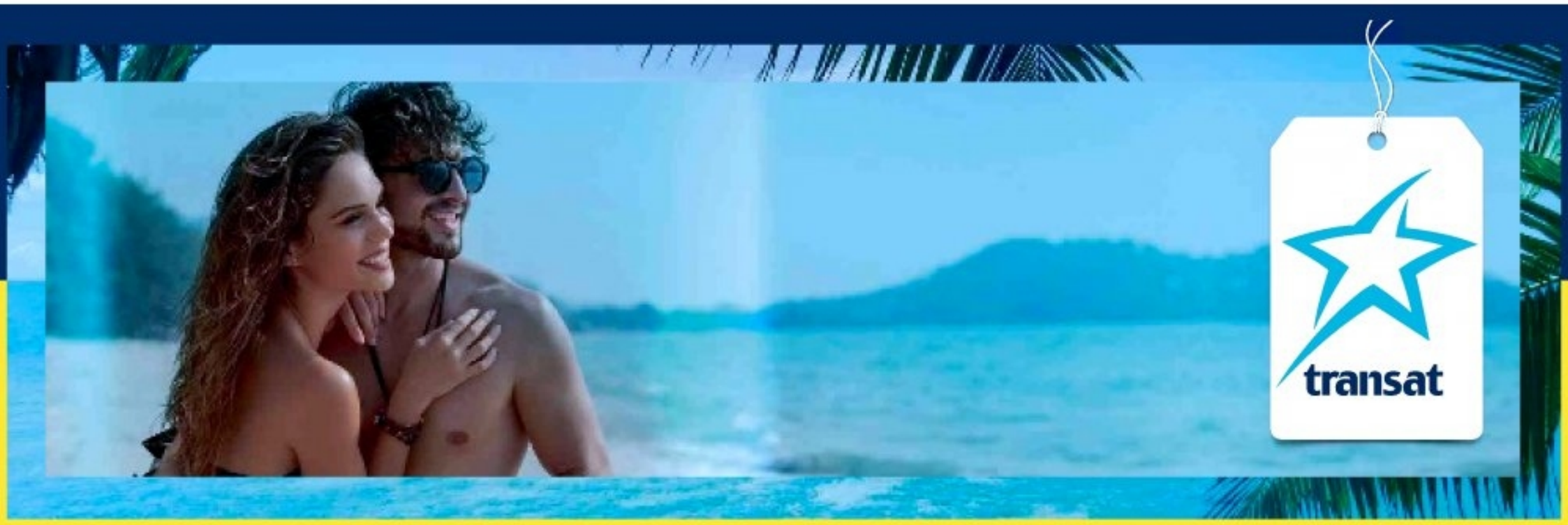

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